

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL

No.	CV 12-xxxxx-ODW	Date	August X, 2012
Title	Party v. Party		

Present: The Honorable	Otis D. Wright, II, United States District Judge		
Sheila English	Not reported	N/A	
Deputy Clerk	Court Reporter / Recorder	Tape No.	
Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:	Attorneys Present for Defendants:		
Not present	Not present		

**Proceedings (In Chambers):**                      **Patent Discovery Order**

Pursuant to the Court’s Patent Standing Order, the Court hereby **REFERS** all discovery matters to this Court for all purposes. This Discovery Order supersedes any representations made to the contrary in the Court’s Scheduling and Case Management Order. This Order likewise supersedes Central District of California Local Rule 37 in its entirety.

The Court will handle all discovery matters in the form of letter briefs, which shall be electronically filed as a “Notice of Discovery Dispute.” **For the purposes of discovery letter briefs governed by this Patent Discovery Order only, the parties may disregard any automatically generated Notice to Filer of Deficiencies invoking Local Rule 11’s formatting rules or Local Rule 83-2.11’s prohibition on communications with the judge via letter.** The moving party shall fully comply with both the letter and the spirit of Local Rule 7-3 and 37-1’s meet-and-confer requirements prior to submitting its opening letter brief. The parties are further encouraged to review Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(5)(A) carefully before submitting any discovery briefs.

Upon the filing of the opening letter brief, the opposing party shall have 7 days to file a responding letter brief. The parties’ opening and responding letter briefs shall not exceed 5 single-spaced pages, excluding declarations and exhibits. Both briefs shall succinctly state each side’s position on the dispute. The Court will not accept any reply briefs.

In lieu of holding a hearing on discovery matters, the Court will schedule a teleconference for as soon as practicable following the Court’s receipt of the opposing party’s responding letter brief.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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